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It is my opinion that this case should never have been brought against Microsoft in the first place. It seems to me that, we had some inefficient competitors who claimed the victim status and the justice department fell for the scam.

However, this case should be closed now so that business and productivity can get on in the U.S. Also, it would seem to me that the innovative and productive companies, which leads to profitability for stockholders and jobs for many peoples, should not be punished. If the justice department wants to punish a business, do so to the companies that are failures, such as most of the airlines. Sincerely,

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